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# Watching Out for Obstacles

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**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (ESV)**

**<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.**

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

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**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (ESV)**

**<sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.**

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**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (ESV)**

**<sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.**

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**Obstacle #1: The Allure of the World**  
**(2 Timothy 4:10)**

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## 2 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

## 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

## 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life —is not from the Father but is from the world.

## 1 John 2:15-17 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



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**Obstacle #2: A Misunderstanding of Grace  
and Justification by Faith (Galatians 5:7)**

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## Galatians 5:7 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

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## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

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## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

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## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

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## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

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## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

## Galatians 5:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

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## **Obstacle #2: A Misunderstanding of Grace and Justification by Faith (Galatians 5:7)**

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